

Town of Crested Butte – Town Park Tennis Court Renovation Project

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project Title: Town Park Tennis Court Renovation Project	
Grant Request (not to exceed \$350,000): \$191,227	Total Project Cost: \$276,943
Percent of overall match (% of total project cost): 31%	Percent of cash match (% of total project cost): 23%
County of Service: Gunnison	City (location of project, including cross streets): Town of Crested Butte, 6th Street and Elk Avenue
See Next Page for Project Description	

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Brief Project Description (In 250 words or less, answer the questions below:

- What is the proposed project, including all components:
- Why is the project needed? How will it improve the park & recreation experience of residents?
- Who will benefit from this project?
- Is there anything unique about citizen participation in design or financing of the project?

The Town Park Tennis Court Renovation Project will provide three full sized, post-tensioned concrete tennis courts designed and built to specifications set forth by the United States Tennis Association. Additional project components will include a small shade structure, sidewalks and landscaping surrounding the courts. The renovation project will replace the three existing 35 year old asphalt courts that have out lived their usable life. The Town Park Tennis Courts are the primary public courts in the Upper East River Valley and the only courts that will be accessible for people with disabilities.

Tennis is a very popular activity in Crested Butte and the Town of Crested Butte's tennis clinics are the only programs that serve an age range from four to seventy-eight years old. Since 2008, the tennis clinics have grown from 156 registered participants to 401 registered participants in 2013 representing a 157% increase in participation. If the existing courts are not renovated immediately, the Town may be forced to close one of the three existing courts as soon as the summer of 2014. The other two courts won't be far behind.

In 2012, local tennis advocates formed a committee called "40 Love" with a mission to raise \$40,000 through individual donations to the Town of Crested Butte to be used as matching money for the project. As of August 2013, the 40 Love committee succeeded in raising their goal of \$40,000!

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Verify that this application contains all of the following required documents and the application is in this order:

- ☐ Signed Resolution from Governing Body
- ☐ Draft Intergovernmental Agreement, or other contract with the project partner or a signed letter of support from project partner (if necessary)
- ☐ Completed Environmental Checklist
- ☐ Budget Form
- ☐ Preliminary Timeline Estimate
- ☐ Response to Selection Criteria Questions (a narrative provided on your own paper)
- ☐ Attachments to Selection Criteria:
 - ☐ Map(s) identifying the project location (Using Google Earth or Google Maps)
 - ☐ Site map
 - ☐ Letters of support
 - ☐ Local youth or Youth Corps support letter/email
 - ☐ Photos of existing amenities to be replaced, if applicable
 - ☐ Documentation of any opposition to the project, if applicable

By signing below, the applicant certifies that it owns, leases, or otherwise has control over the property on which this project will be completed (collectively, “Control”) (or is applying on behalf of an entity that has such Control). Applicant has on file documentation evidencing its Control of the property and will provide such documentation to GOCO on request.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____
(From applicant organization)

Printed Name and Title: _____

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Please answer every question, restating the question that you are answering. Failure to provide a response to any question (unless otherwise noted) will reduce your project's score. Please reference all attachments.

- 1. Describe the community/neighborhood the project will serve. (If the project is designed to serve a particular neighborhood or population within a larger city/subdivision/community, focus on the neighborhood/population to be served.) Include population, income data and insight into the recreational interests of the community. (5pts.)*

The Town of Crested Butte is a small rural, mountain community located 28 miles north of Gunnison at 9000' on Colorado's Western Slope. Known as one of the birthplaces of mountain biking and the "Wildflower Capital of Colorado" Crested Butte's economy relies heavily on winter and summer tourism as well as construction. According to the 2013 Town of Crested Butte census conducted by the Planning Department, the population of the Town of Crested Butte is 1502 people and 317 dogs (*eager recipients of used tennis balls from the Town tennis clinics*). The median household income in Crested Butte is \$66,717. The Town of Crested Butte serves as the central service provider for parks and recreation amenities for a broader region known as the Upper East River Valley. The Upper East River Valley is defined by the Crested Butte Fire District boundary which comprises of a roughly 10 mile radius of the Town of Crested Butte. The total population of the region is approximately 4000 people and consists of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte and numerous subdivisions in unincorporated Gunnison County.

- 2. Describe access to the proposed project. Is it accessible by trail? How is it situated in relation to where users live; how will users access it; is it near or linked to schools, other recreational amenities, or community gathering spots? Are there obstacles to getting to the project site; if so, how do you intend to overcome them? (Please provide a map sufficiently detailing where the project is located and what surrounds it. Also provide a site map.) (5pts.)*

The Town Park Tennis Courts are located on the southeast corner of our most travelled and visible intersection known as the "4 Way". The project location is within Town Park and across the street from the Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center. Every vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian that passes through Crested Butte on their way to Mt. Crested Butte, Crested Butte Mountain Resort or the historic Elk Avenue business district passes by the tennis courts. The current courts are already located at ground level but accessibility for people with disabilities will be improved with the renovation due to improved ramps and sidewalks. The "4 Way" is the location of a free town shuttle bus stop, free parking and is connected to the Crested Butte Community School and other public amenities via our sidewalk system and our greater trail system.

Please see **Exhibit A** for project maps and site plan.

- 3. Describe the scope of the project – what exactly will be built. Be specific, explaining preparatory work, quantities, dimensions, etc. What is the useful life of each project component and how was that useful life determined? If the project is intended to enhance or replace existing facilities, describe the state of the existing facilities, why the facilities are no longer acceptable or usable, and how they got into the condition they're in. Include photographs of amenities to be replaced. Describe consultations you have had with outside experts, other communities, or knowledgeable*

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individuals about, building this sort of project. How did or will you choose particular vendors, materials, systems, etc.? Provide a detailed budget that presents information consistent with the answers presented throughout the Selection Criteria and on the Application Summary Form. (15pts.)

The primary objective of the Town Park Tennis Court Renovation Project will be to replace the existing three, 35 year old asphalt courts with three new post tension concrete overlay courts in their current location. The current courts were built in 1979 and are beyond their usable and repairable lives. The existing courts do not meet several of United States Tennis Association's (USTA) specifications for court size, fencing, grade and drainage. The existing three court footprint is 152 feet x 118 feet. The new three court footprint will be 180 feet x 120 feet. The increased size will allow for three properly sized 60 feet x 120 feet courts with dividers between courts and fences and windscreens around the perimeter.

The courts will have lines painted for standard 36 feet x 72 feet courts. In addition, one of the three courts will also have lines painted for "10 and Under Tennis" which is a growing segment of the tennis teaching progression and strongly supported and promoted by USTA. 10 and Under Tennis lines essentially turn a standard sized court into four separate small courts for young players. We have been teaching the 10 and Under Tennis curriculum in Crested Butte for many years and have found that the program has greatly increased our growth in youth tennis. Furthermore, our long time tennis instructor, Jackie Bingham-Levine is a USTA certified Schools Tennis Clinician. Jackie has brought tennis to the Crested Butte Community School and has helped build a portion of the PE curriculum around youth tennis. In addition 10 and Under Tennis lines and nets are recommended by USTA to create alternative tennis opportunities for seniors and other users with physical limitations.

Replacing the existing asphalt courts with post tensioned concrete is the longest-term and highest-value renovation solution for Crested Butte. The Town of Crested Butte received technical assistance from USTA consisting of an analysis of existing conditions. USTA's report titled *TPA-5231 Town of Crested Butte, Town Parks Tennis Courts 8-16-12* includes the following statement:

"A post tension slab can be constructed over the existing asphalt tennis courts which is probably the best (although probably the most expensive) option for addressing long term longevity of the tennis court structure. This process consists of the installation of a 2 inch thick layer of sand over the existing tennis court paving, the placement of one or two layers of a polyethylene fabric over the sand, and then the construction of a 4-5 inch thick post tension slab. The slab is built with several cables spaced at specific horizontal intervals depending on various design variables. The cables are stressed after the concrete placement to keep the slab in permanent compression, thereby not allowing cracks to open up within the slab.

The post tension concrete slab option carries the longest projected life for the court, and can last over 30 years, if properly constructed."

USTA's analysis of the usable life span of post tensioned concrete courts is confirmed by a 2009 analysis by Renner Sports, a leading manufacturer of asphalt and concrete courts. Renner's study found that the cost to install an asphalt overlay court was much less than a post tension concrete overlay court (\$23,000 per asphalt court versus \$50,000 per concrete court), but the cost of ownership over 20 years is much less for post-tensioned concrete than asphalt (\$68,000 per concrete court versus

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\$143,400 per asphalt court). The increased cost of ownership for asphalt courts is due to the frequent need to resurface and to repair cracks.

Additional new project components include a small shade structure, landscaping and a concrete walkway around a portion of the facility for improved access. These project components will create a seamless transition between the tennis courts and the adjacent park space thus enhancing both facilities.

The 15 feet x 20 feet shade structure is designed as a modest pavilion and storage closet to serve as a meeting place for participants in the Parks and Recreation tennis clinics and general public's use and enjoyment of the free public tennis courts. The five foot wide concrete walkway will improve accessibility by eliminating the gravel pathway around the facility and will connect court users to the shade pavilion and the courts.

Finally, the landscaping component will improve the adjacent passive park space that is frequently used by tennis players between matches. The landscape plan involves the removal of cottonwood trees that are currently causing root damage to the courts and replacing them with six aspen and three spruce trees along the east and west boundaries of the courts. In addition to tree removal and replacement, the plan includes four additional irrigation zones added to the existing park irrigation system. These zones will cover currently non-irrigated park space immediately adjacent to the courts that is hard to maintain with a lack of irrigation water. The additional irrigation will include 350 feet of 2" PVC pipe, 620 feet of 1" PVC pipe, forty-one sprinkler heads and four zone valves. The irrigation expansion will be tied into the existing park irrigation system including the raw and domestic water as well as the zone clock.

These additional components (shade structure, sidewalks and landscaping) are included in the project in order to provide the public a complete park amenity, rather than focusing solely on the tennis court playing surface. Based on the Department's experience with similar park amenities, the life span of these components will be at least as long as the projected lifespan of the concrete courts.

4. *Estimate the annual costs to maintain the project. How did you derive those numbers; how do you intend to fund maintenance; and who is responsible for maintenance? (5 pts.)*

Since this project will replace an existing amenity, the cost for monthly and annual maintenance will easily be absorbed into the Town's park maintenance budget. Ongoing maintenance will include pressure washing on a monthly basis and net replacement every two or three years depending on the amount of use each court receives. The shade structure will need to be stained every two to three years during routine painting of other park structures. The additional irrigation zones and associated valves, pipes and sprinkler heads require periodic maintenance to repair and replace small parts as needed. Mowing will occur on the weekly schedule by the existing park maintenance crew. Finally, the Renner Sports study referenced in question #3 recommends court resurfacing by an outside contractor every five to seven years at a cost of \$4500 per court. Based on the above maintenance needs, we estimate the total maintenance cost of three post tensioned concrete courts and associated fixtures to be \$15,400 over each five to seven year period for the 30+ year usable life of the courts. On an annual basis, the cost of maintenance to the Town of Crested Butte will be \$2566. The Parks and Recreation Department already spends around \$4000 each year to maintain the courts in their current condition. Annual maintenance of the renovated tennis courts through the existing labor force and park and

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property maintenance budgets will be an improvement over the current scenario.

5. *Who are the existing and/or expected users of the proposed project? What individuals, organized sports leagues and teams, school and youth groups, etc will the project benefit? Provide user numbers for each user group, noting how you arrived at that estimate. (5 pts.)*

The Town Park Tennis Courts are a popular amenity for the general public and summer visitors to Crested Butte. The courts are free to use and are available on a first come, first served basis when they are not in use with instructional clinics. Between the months of May and October, there is at least one court in use throughout the day and all three courts are being played during the windless morning hours and evening hours. While ensuring the courts will always be free for the public to use, we are prepared to facilitate a more formal reservation process once the new courts are completed and in higher demand.

The primary programmatic use of the Town Park Tennis Court Renovation Project will be the already established and successful Parks and Recreation clinic program. Since 2008, the tennis clinics have grown from 156 registered participants to 401 registered participants in 2013 representing a 157% increase in participation. Program participants span the ages of four to seventy-eight years old. Within our Parks and Recreation system, tennis clinics serve the largest age range and are amongst our top three programs for participation rates. Due to ease of access to the courts, the low cost of the programs and high quality of instruction, tennis clinics are at or near capacity throughout the summer.

Due to the condition of the town park tennis courts, the long standing 4th of July Tennis Tournament is now played entirely on private courts. This and similar opportunities will return when the courts are renovated.

6. *Describe the recreational needs that this project will serve. How will the project enhance recreational offerings, including programming, and/or environmental education opportunities in the community? What opportunities are lost if this project is not undertaken now? How are potential users of the project compensating now for the lack of the project? Do they have to visit other communities to use a similar amenity; do they have a substitute offering available; or do they simply go without? (15pts.)*

The Town Park Tennis Courts are the main public courts in the Upper East River Valley and the only public courts that offer tennis clinics. There are two public courts in Mt. Crested Butte, located approximately four miles away that predominately serve summer tourists and are not accessible for people with disabilities. Other private courts are located in the region within subdivisions and at the Club at Crested Butte, a private golf and tennis country club. Given the location of the Town Park Tennis Courts and the services provided by the Parks and Recreation Department, these are the most accessible and utilized public courts in the Upper East River Valley.

Tennis is a sport with a very low barrier to participate. Our courts are free to use and equipment is easy and affordable to obtain. For these reasons, the Town of Crested Butte has seen a huge growth in tennis over the last several years. Furthermore, tennis is the only program offered by the Parks and Recreation Department that serves the very young and very old alike. As the only public recreation

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services department in the Upper East River Valley, the public will lose the opportunity to play and receive affordable coaching if the courts are not renovated immediately.

The state of the Town Park Tennis Courts includes a wide spread system of structural cracks and root humps that can't be reasonably repaired without renovation. The Town currently spends close to \$4000 every other summer for crack repairs that do not last an entire season. The Town is concerned for the safety and playability of the existing courts due to these structural problems. Examples of the current condition of the tennis courts can be found in **Exhibit B**. Although cheaper to construct, asphalt courts require more frequent maintenance and have a shorter usable life span than post tensioned concrete courts. The fact that the current asphalt courts have lasted this long is a testament to the Town's commitment to maintenance and repair.

The Parks and Recreation staff estimates that one of the existing three courts will be unusable as early as the summer of 2014 and the other two aren't far behind. The current conditions already compromise the safety and quality of play. The poor condition of the Tennis Courts was cited in the 2013 Annual Loss Control Report generated by the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA), the Town's insurance provider. CIRSA recommended immediate crack repair, however "patching" the cracks is no longer effective. The only way to remain in compliance with CIRSA's recommendation is to close or reconstruct the courts as they become unusable. The Town is reluctant to embark on a "quick-fix" of an asphalt overlay that will have a much shorter lifespan and a higher cost of ownership over time. Without renovation, the successful tennis program and general public use will be forced to move to private courts or to Mt. Crested Butte which will have negative impacts on the cost and convenience of accessible tennis in the Crested Butte area.

7. *Describe the public planning process that identified this specific project as a priority. Is the project listed as a priority in a master plan, site specific plan, or other adopted planning document? If so, describe that plan including when it was adopted, the opportunities the public had to comment on it, and the priority this project is listed as within it. If this project is not the top priority in that plan; discuss why it is being pursued at this time. (15 pts.)*

The Town Park Tennis Court Renovation Project was identified in the GOCO funded, 2010 Town of Crested Butte Regional Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Master Plan) as a moderate priority project. Currently, all of the high priority projects are in various states of implementation either as ongoing planning projects or completed capital projects as described in **Table 1** below. Due to the lack of available land for a permanent BMX Park, that project is still pending. The Master Plan priorities were created through public meetings, leadership interviews, focus groups, a statistically valid household survey and a student survey at the Crested Butte Community School. The master planning process began in August of 2009 and the final plan was adopted in May of 2010. The Master Plan is now 4 years old. The Town has been very successful at implementing the high priority projects identified in the 2010 Master Plan and if the Town re-surveyed the public and updated the Master Plan in 2014, Tennis Court renovation would be elevated as a high priority project.

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Table 1

***Summary of 2010 Town of Crested Butte Parks and Recreation Regional Master Plan
“Town Focus” Capital Development Plan for High and Moderate Priority Projects***

Capital Project	Potential Cost	Priority	Status
Improve Existing Hockey Facilities	\$850-\$1,500,000	High	Completed Phase 1 & 2
Develop “Official” BMX area	\$10,000 - \$50,000	High	Seeking Land
Develop Campground	\$75,000 - \$500,000	High	Completed Plan 2013
Master Plan for Big Mine Park	\$75,000 - \$150,000	High	Current GOCO Grant App
Complete Rec Path Extension	\$200,000-\$300,000	Moderate	Completed 2013
Complete Perimeter Trail	\$500,000-\$1,200,000	Moderate	Completed Plan 2014
Tennis Court Repair/Upgrade	\$150,000 - \$500,000	Moderate	Current GOCO Grant App

In addition to the master planning process in 2010, a group of citizens became organized during the summer of 2012 and launched a planning and informational campaign called “40 Love”. The Town Park Tennis Court Renovation Project was discussed at the July 3rd and October 1st, 2012 Crested Butte Town Council meetings whereby the council provided direction to the staff to proceed with the project. On February 18th, 2014 the Town Council passed a resolution in support of the Town’s third grant application to GOCO for the Tennis Court Renovation Project. Furthermore, the project was discussed in two separate public Board of Zoning and Architectural Review (BOZAR) meetings on October 15th and 30th 2012. The 40 Love committee conducted 14 separate public meetings between June 2012 and December 2013 at Crested Butte Town Hall to determine the details of the site plan, fundraising plan and public outreach aspects of the project. All the 40 Love committee meetings were open to the public and became the best way for the committee and department to solicit input from the community on project goals.

Public input from the Town Council, BOZAR, and multiple 40 Love committee meetings indicated that the public was not only concerned about the safety and playability of the current courts, but that citizens were willing to assist with fundraising for the project. Specifically, the public wanted to see a complete park amenity including landscaping and a shade structure. Every component of the project was gained by consensus through public input. The 40 Love committee successfully finished raising their \$40,000 goal in August 2013.

8. *Will a CYCA-accredited youth corps **OR** other local youth organization be used to implement the project? Keep in mind this could be anything from planning and fundraising to construction. If so, describe what the youth organization or Youth Corp will be doing and discuss the collaboration you’ve had with them. Submit a letter of support from the corps or organization that you will be collaborating with. If there will not be youth involvement in this project, provide an explanation of why. (5pts.)*

The Town of Crested Butte has a great history of working with the CYCA accredited Western Colorado Conservation Corps (WCCC) on GOCO and State Trails funded projects resulting in several miles of trail construction over the past three years. We do not however, anticipate using a WCCC crew on this project since the Parks and Recreation Department operates the “Roots and Shoots Summer Field Studies” program in partnership with a local non-profit organization called the

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Mountain Roots Food Project. The Roots and Shoots Summer Field Studies program will incorporate a tree planting lesson into their curriculum that will culminate in assisting Rocky Mountain Trees with planting and the Parks and Recreation Department with maintaining the new trees for the first three years. Please see an attached letter of support from Mountain Roots Food Project describing their relationship with the Town and their commitment to helping with the tennis court renovation project.

9. *Who is opposed to the project? Have neighbors, user groups, or other parties objected to the project? Include any letters, petitions, news articles, or other documents evidencing opposition. What has been done to address the concerns of those opposing and how has the opposition responded? (5pts.)*

The Town Park Tennis Court Renovation Project has not received any opposition. Frequent users of the courts are excited for the opportunity to have an improved amenity and non-users are looking forward to the enhancement of the tennis court area given its prominent location in town.

10. *Is the project “shovel ready?” Provide evidence that it will be completed within two years of the award date. Describe the planning that has gone into the project; is design and engineering complete or is there work yet to be done? (5pts.)*

The entire cash and in-kind match is secured for the project and all of the government approvals are in place. A topographic survey and storm water drainage specifications will be completed once the project is fully funded. As referenced in the attached timeline, the project will begin in the fall of 2014 and will finish in the summer of 2015. The Town of Crested Butte has proven to be an effective and efficient partner with GOCO in completing capital and planning projects in recent years as evidenced by the success of the *Parks and Recreation Regional Master Plan*, *Ice Rink Cover and Renovation Project* and the *Rainbow Park Project*.

11. *What is compelling about your community's need for GOCO funds? Will the project (or components of it) get done if GOCO funds are not available? Will applicant or partner funds dedicated to the project be lost if GOCO doesn't award a grant now? (5pts.)*

This project will not get accomplished in the foreseeable future without GOCO funds. The Town of Crested Butte has the capacity to provide matching funds, extensive in-kind contributions and ongoing maintenance however, paying for large projects solely with our capital budget is not possible. The competing needs across all departments for our 1.5% Real Estate Transfer Tax (RETT) revenue is too great to dedicate large sums of money to a single project. For example, the tennis court renovation project would use over half of the Town's annual capital revenue leaving too little money available for ongoing capital maintenance, deferred maintenance and equipment replacement. At this time, the Town of Crested Butte must rely on grants and private funding to complete capital projects in the parks.

The current effort to get this accomplished is being driven by the *Master Plan* and by a dedicated group of citizens that are willing to donate their time, talent and money to realizing the dream of renovated tennis courts in Crested Butte. Those citizens formed a committee and launched a campaign called “40 Love” to plan and fundraise for the tennis court renovation project. The citizen led campaign has raised \$40,000 in cash from the local community to get this project accomplished.

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The Town is holding the 40 Love donations in a deposit account for the tennis court renovation project. After the second unsuccessful GOCO grant application for this project in the fall of 2013, the committee reached out to donors to notify them of the project's status and to give them the opportunity to get their funds returned. The fact that all donors wanted to remain vested in the project is a testament to their commitment to the project. Further, the donors will, at some point want their money back. We have not yet reached that threshold but they won't want the Town to hold their funds indefinitely without a finished project.

12. How much of your planned cash match is secured? How much of it is yet to be raised and what are your plans for raising those additional funds? What is your "Plan B" if you are unable to raise those funds? Describe the cash or in kind partnerships established for this project. This does not include cash or in kind partners who have contributed to previous phases or will contribute to future phases. If cash or in-kind partnerships for this project were not possible, explain why. (10pts.)

The entire planned cash match is secure with \$40,000 from the 40 Love campaign, \$25,000 from the Town's Capital Fund, \$18,320 of in-kind contributions from the Town of Crested Butte and another \$560 of in-kind from local contractors. The 40 Love campaign has been incredibly successful given the competing need for donations throughout the community for many worthy causes. Although not a part of the Town's in-kind calculation, there will be significant contribution of staff time in the demolition and construction phases of the project.

*13. Provide up to seven letters/emails of support from entities that are supporting the project in ways other than cash or in-kind contributions. Letters should come from users, user groups, community members, volunteers, schools, etc. Support letters/emails must be included with the application and **will not** be accepted if mailed to the GOCO office. (There is no need to provide narrative in this question, scoring will be based on the letters of support submitted with the application) (5pts.)*

Please see attached letters of support from organizations and individuals that are in support of this project including the youth organization that is partnering with a component of the project implementation.

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The applicant is responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, or federal law. Describe the process or efforts made to review potential wildlife and environmental impacts of the project as concisely and specifically as possible. Include any relevant information in each of the category questions listed below and indicate which question you are answering. Examples are given of the types of information that may be valuable. If these questions are not applicable to this project, please write N/A and state the reasoning.

1. **Species of Concern.** Is it likely that plant or wildlife species of concern are present on the proposed project site?
 - Federally listed threatened or endangered species – N/A
 - Species that are rare or have limited range in Colorado – N/A

The project area is an existing developed park within the Town of Crested Butte. There are no known plant or animal species of concern.

2. **Habitat Value.** How important, productive, or pristine is the wildlife habitat in the project area?

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- Existing development or human impacts to the proposed project area
- Critical habitat for a particular species, or an area with high value for nesting, feeding or calving

The habitat in Town Park is not pristine or productive for wildlife. Development began in Town Park in the 1970's and the location is currently surrounded by neighborhood and commercial properties.

3. **Potential Impacts.** In what ways will the project have, or potentially have, an impact on wildlife?

- Disturbance of sensitive species during rest, feeding, or reproductive cycles – N/A
- Loss or reduction of habitat – N/A
- Intrusion into areas with little existing human impacts – N/A

Given the developed nature of the Town Park area, there are no suspected impacts to wildlife.

4. **Mitigation.** How will these impacts be addressed?

- Alternative design or trail route selection – N/A
- Screening of users from wildlife area, protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive areas – N/A
- Management of users and related activities with signs, fencing, and education programs – N/A

N/A

5. **Benefit.** How is the project planned to have a positive impact on wildlife?

- Habitat improvement such as restoration of wetlands, river corridor clean-up, or plantings for cover nesting
- Education of users through environmental education programs, opportunities for “watchable wildlife,” and wildlife impact monitoring

N/A

Principal source(s) of information: (e.g. Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Natural Heritage Program, local agency, staff biologist, consultant)

Printed name, title and telephone number of person consulted:

Signature of person consulted

Date

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